

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 18 have been amended. Support for the amendment is found, for example, in the specification on pp. 8 to 11. Hence, no issues of new matter are presented. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-20 will be pending in the application.

I. Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

A Tsutsumi et al. (US Patent 6,736,887)

Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 10, and 12 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsutsumi et al. Independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to present formulae (1) and (2). The oil-soluble dye represented by formula (1) or (2) is not taught or suggested in Tsutsumi et al. Further, Tsutsumi et al. fails to teach or suggest the superior effects on printing performance, paper dependency, water resistance, light resistance, and ozone resistance which are produced by the presently claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the rejection has been overcome.

B Sakuma et al. (US Patent 5,877,235)

Claims 1 to 13 and 15 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakuma et al. Independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to present formulae (1) and (2). The oil-soluble dye represented by formula (1) or (2) is not taught or suggested in Sakuma et al. Further, Sakuma et al. fails to teach or suggest the superior effects on printing performance, paper dependency, water resistance, light resistance, and ozone

resistance which are produced by the presently claimed invention.

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II. Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, all the claims pending in the application are believed to be allowable. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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